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METHOD

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Submitted herewith on Form PTO-1449 is a listing of a document known to Applicants in order to comply with Applicants' duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.56. A copy of each listed document is being submitted to comply with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 1.98.

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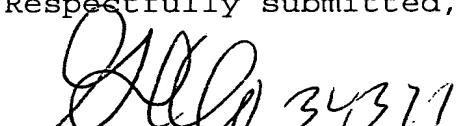
The enclosed document discusses the role of a "color bar". In pre-press systems, a color bar is used for checking the condition of a printing system (trapping, dot gain, gray balance, etc.).

An English translation of the Japanese document is not readily available; however, the absence of such translation does not relieve the PTO from its duty to consider the submitted document (37 C.F.R. §1.98 and MPEP §609).

The listed document is being submitted in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b), within three (3) months of the filing date.

Applicants respectfully request that the listed document be considered by the Examiner and formally be made of record in the present application and that an initialled copy of Form PTO-1449 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

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